

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 21, 2013
ROOM 14 POTOMAC BUILDING * LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND

CALL TO ORDER – The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting)

ROLL CALL – Members present were:

Eric Colvin	Citizen Rep, Chair
David Ryan	Citizen Rep, Vice Chair
Sherri St. Clair	Citizen Rep
Joshua Brewster	Greenwell
Georgianna Rovito on behalf of Sandra Dent	Center for Independent Living
Kourtney Baker on behalf of Sarah Schaefer	Center for Life Enrichment
Patrice Roberts	Resource Coordination
Lois Coryell	St. Mary's County Libraries
Cynthia Brown	Department of Aging & Human Services
Melissa Seigman	Social Services
Mary Ann Blankenship	Public Works/STS
Rebecca Kessler	Department of Aging & Human Services
Ta'nar Scriber on behalf of Michelle Tilman	Bay Community Support Services

Non-members present were:

Amber Norris	Department of Aging & Human Services
Bonnie Elward	Southern Maryland Community Resources
Joanna Colvin	Citizen
Nicole Jackson	St. Mary's College Student
Nadda Warshanna	St. Mary's College Student

Christina Bishop, Linda Clem, Crystal Frederick, Carole Woodward, and Tomica Scriber were excused.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve the October 17, 2013 minutes with amendments was made by Ms. St. Clair and seconded by Ms. Coryell, the motion passed.

BUDGET REPORT –

Account	Budget	Balance
Supplies & Materials	\$600.00	\$5.65
Other Contract Services	\$1700.00	\$1700.00
Total	\$2300.00	\$1705.65

- The giveaway grocery bags are on order, 660 bags were ordered for a grand total of \$574.37.

ADA COORDINATOR REPORT –

- Mr. Colvin distributed fliers for the Notion Motion and Mindful Motions classes hosted by St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks, classes begin January 8, 2014. For more information call 301-475-4200, extension 1800.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS –

- The commission, Helpful Hooves, and the Pals Program will hold their Christmas dinner dance at the Loffler Senior Center on Friday, December 13, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Expressions Catering will provide food services, twenty centerpieces were ordered for the event from Weavers, and Casey McFann will DJ the event.
- Health Fair Follow-up – Mr. Ryan stated the health fair went well and community participation was high.
- By-Laws Sub-Committee – Mr. Brewster, Mr. Colvin, and Mr. Ryan met to discuss updates to the by-laws. Mr. Brewster has scheduled a meeting with George Sparling, County Attorney, to discuss updating the by-laws.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS –

- Ms. Roberts gave an overview of the Resource Coordination Program with St. Mary's County Health Department. The Resource Coordination Program is the local community gateway for services with the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). The program educates the community about DDA eligibility and services, assists individuals with developmental disabilities in applying for services with the DDA, and helps locate local support services. Resource Coordinators also provide case management for those individuals who are receiving DDA-funded services and for those on the active DDA waiting list. For more information please visit <http://www.smchd.org/individuals-with-disabilities/>. Additional information can be found at www.dda.dhmdh.maryland.gov.
- St. Mary's College students, Nicole Jackson and Nadda Warshanna, provided an overview of St. Mary's College Best Buddies Program. Best Buddies Colleges pairs people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in one-to-one friendships with college students. In the past, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have not had the opportunity to have friends outside of their own environment. Best Buddies Colleges provides an opportunity for participants to change the world simply by making a new friend. Best Buddies Colleges also offers volunteers a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills. With the support of school faculty and Best Buddies staff, students and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities lead and direct the chapters in their schools. For more information, please visit <http://www.bestbuddiesmaryland.org>.
- The election of officer positions will be held at the January meeting. Positions include chair, vice-Chair, and secretary; members should have nominations ready for the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- The 7th annual family caregivers' breakfast will be held on November 22, 2013 at the James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center in Leonardtown, MD.
- The Greenwell Foundation will hold their Rockfish Festival on December 7, 2013, details to be determined.

- The Ruddy Duck restaurant will hold a community night on December 11, 2013 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. A portion of the profits will benefit Southern Maryland Community Resources.
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- Mr. Colvin will begin preparation of the 2013 Annual Report for the Commission.

NEXT MEETING –

- January 16, 2014 in Room 14 at 4:00 p.m. There will be no December meeting due to the Christmas holiday.

ADJOURNMENT –

- Ms. St. Clair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and Ms. Kessler seconded, the motion passed.